METALS AND HARDWARE.—Last month was a very dull one with all lines of metal and hardware, but the activity of the first and second week of the present month have quite made up for the deficiencies of May. This week business has been well maintained, and the outlook is good. Tin and copper are not quite so strong, but lead and antimony are both firmer. The condition of business has taken a turn this week, and matters are in a much more satisfactory condition. Prices remain unchanged but firm.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—During the week a marked improvement has occurred in business, and it is now very good for the season of the year. Turpentine is still in a demoralized condition and prices are unchanged but weak at 48c. on "regular terms," and 46c. nett. All other lines show no alteration, but prices are firmer.

PROVISIONS.—Taking into consideration the time of year, the exceedingly hot weather, and the fact that a large number of people are already out of town, the demand for provisions is being well maintained. Butter has been in sufficient but not in large supply during the week, and good dairy has been wanted. The best tub butter is steady at 14 and 15c. per lb., and at 10 to 12c. for secondary grades. Pound rolls sell at 14 and 16c., large rolls at 12 and 13c. Eggs this week have been less plentiful and prices are very firm though unchanged. Small lots of eggs sell at 11c. per doz., but the average for choice is 10½ with 10c. for "smalls." There has been a little weakness in cheese at 9¼ to 10c. per lb.; the demand just now is easy. There has been more activity in bacon lately; all kinds are firm in price, with an increasing demand; several lots of one hundred long-clear have sold at 7½ and 7⅝c.; sugar-cured is active and firm. Hams are also selling well in small quantities at 10½ to 11c. with an upward tendency.

WOOL.—There has been a slightly more active but an unsettled market, and several small lots of combing have sold at 17½c. per lb., with a couple of lots at 18c. Nothing has been done in pulled wools, and values show no change.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

	June 23, 12.30 p. m. s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	8½
Red, Winter	6	9
No. 1 Cal	7	3
Corn	4	10½
Peas	5	7
Lard	34	3
Pork	63	9
Bacon, heavy	34	0
Bacon, light	34	6
Tallow	24	6
Cheese, new white	47	6
do. new coloured	46	0